

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for translating textual data in a media signal comprising:
a signal receiver;
a display device communicatively coupled to said signal receiver; and
a language translation module communicatively coupled to said display device or said signal receiver;
wherein said language translation module is configured to selectively translate textual data of a first language into a second language.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein said language translation module comprises software.
3. The system of claim 1, wherein said language translation module comprises hardware.
4. The system of claim 1, wherein said display device comprises one of a television, a projector, a personal digital assistant, a cellular phone, or a digital watch.
5. The system of claim 1, wherein said display device hosts said language translation module.
6. The system of claim 1, wherein said receiver comprises one of a set-top box or a home network device.
7. The system of claim 6, wherein said receiver hosts said language translation module.
8. The system of claim 1, further comprising a head-end insertion device communicatively coupled to said receiver.

9. The system of claim 8, wherein said head-end insertion device hosts said language translation module.
10. The system of claim 1, wherein said textual data comprises closed captions.
11. The system of claim 1, wherein said language translation module is configured to be selectively activated by a media service provider.
12. A system for translating textual data in a media signal comprising:
receiving means for receiving said media signal;
display means for displaying a media signal communicatively coupled to said receiving means; and
translation means for selectively translating textual data from a first language to a second language communicatively coupled to said display means or said receiving means.
13. The system of claim 12, wherein said receiving means hosts said translation means.
14. The system of claim 12, wherein said display means hosts said translation means.
15. The system of claim 12, wherein said translation means is configured to be selectively activated by a media service provider.
16. A method for translating textual data in a media signal comprising
receiving a media signal containing textual data of a first language;
selectively transmitting said media signal to a language translation module;
translating said textual data to a second language; and
transmitting said translated textual data to a display device.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein said receiving a media signal further comprises receiving said media signal at a user location.

18. The method of claim 16, wherein said selectively transmitting said media signal further comprises:

- receiving a translation request from a user;
- activating said language translation module; and
- transmitting said textual data to said activated language translation module.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein said selectively transmitting said media signal further comprises:

- receiving a language request from said user; and
- directing said language translation module to translate said textual data to said requested language.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein said textual data comprises closed captions.

21. The method of claim 16, further comprising selectively enabling said language translation module for subscribers only.

22. A processor readable carrier including processor instructions that instruct a processor to perform the steps of:

- receiving a media data stream containing textual data of a first language;
- translating said textual data to a second language; and
- transmitting said translated textual data to a display device.

23. The processor readable carrier of claim 22, wherein said translating said textual data to a second language comprises:

- receiving a language request;

accessing a database corresponding to said language request; and
translating said textual data to said second language using said database.

24. The processor readable carrier of claim 22, wherein said processor instructions further instruct a processor to perform the step of restricting use of said processor until said processor is activated by a media provider.